Protection of Nanaji Peshwa Monument in Gujarat

†3222. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of great heroes of the Indian independence struggle alongwith names of the places where their monuments are situated;

(b) the names of monuments out of these which have been accorded the status of national monuments;

(c) the names of monuments which have been badly damaged during the last three years; and

(d) the details of amount spent on repair and protection of damaged monument of Nanaji Peshwa situated in Morbi (Gujarat)?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Information is being collected.

(b) The protected monuments in this regard are:—

1. Mahatma Gandhi:
   Birth place of Mahatma Gandhi at Porbandar (Gujarat)
2. Bahadur Shah Zafar:
   Zafar Mahal, Red Fort, Delhi
3. Bahadur Shah IIO:
   Zafar Mahal, Mehrauli, Delhi
4. Rani Laxmi Bai:
   Jhansi Fort, Jhansi
5. Dr. Rajendra Prasad:
   Ancestral House of
   Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Jiradei, Distt. Siwan (Bihar)

(c) The protected monuments of national importance are in a good state of preservation.

(d) The monument of Nanaji Peshwa in Gujarat is neither

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protected by the Central Government nor by the Government of Gujarat; Neither Government has spent any amount on its repairs and protection.

Villages as Attraction for foreign tourists

†3223. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to make villages centre of attraction for foreign tourists;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps in this direction and the number of villages of Gujarat which have been included in the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Department of Tourism, Government of India has identified Vadnagar for development as a model rural tourism project in the State of Gujarat.

(c) Does not arise.

Problems of Tourists

3224. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Tourist pay through their nose to visit India" which appeared in the Economic Times on 18th March, 2002;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems highlighted in the report in order to boost the flow of tourist in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI

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